

# Schoolmate Recalls Oswald as Teaser

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The girl on whom Lee H. Oswald had a schoolboy's "crush" remembered him today as a round-cheeked, curly-headed boy who demonstrated his affection with teasing and abuse. Mrs. Donald Kitchem was 9-year-old Nancy Joan Kuklies in 1949 when she sat next to Oswald, then 10, in the fourth grade.

The seating was not accidental.

"When I saw that he liked her," said Mrs. Emma Livingston, his fourth-grade teacher, "I put him in her squad." She continued:

"Nancy Joan was on the top of the class in scholastics, quiet and sweet, a good little girl. Lee was always at the tag end of everything. His desk was always messy, and he'd be the last to clean up.

"But you can't imagine how he would hurry to get to go along with her."

## Thought Him Older

"I liked him, I'll have to admit," Mrs. Kitchem, a pretty, soft-spoken brunette, said today. "But I liked about everybody. I think at that time I had a crush on someone else, and that was the reason I didn't pay much attention to him."

"Because he was a husky boy and because 'it seemed like he had more ideas about things than I did,' the girl thought of him as considerably older than she was.

Later, when he was 12, he would spend much time at the home of a 16-year-old boy, whose sister Mrs. Kitchem sometimes visited.

"That's where he picked up his foul language," she said.

"The older boy was one of those who wore a leather jacket and boots. He might have quit school, because he was home a lot. And he used the filthiest language I have ever heard in my life."

"If anything, I think he was more abusive to me than to the others," she said. "I don't mean cruel. I don't remember anything bad at all. But he'd try to talk to me, and the things he'd say—well, we were just not interested in the same things."

## Mother Worked in Store

"Thinking back, I guess Lee might have felt he was left out of things at school, even though nobody deliberately left him out," Mrs. Kitchem said. "I think maybe we all should have taken more of an interest."

During this period, Oswald's mother was a representative for the Literary Guild Book Club in a Fort Worth department store.

"There were a lot of women who wanted that job," Mrs. Marguerite Oswald reminisced today, "but they thought I was the most aggressive and capable."

## Guards Are Removed

Mrs. Oswald's Secret Service guards were removed today over her strong protests. She had been under a constant guard at her home in Arlington Heights, a residential section of Fort Worth.

"I don't think anything is going to happen to me," she said. "But I think they should have stayed a little longer."

The Secret Service, in announcing the withdrawal, noted that she had received no threatening mail or telephone calls.

Mrs. Oswald said that

several of her guards had given her their home telephone numbers in case she needed them. She also has the call number of a Fort Worth police car should an emergency arise.

Mrs. Oswald also told of the help she has received from persons sympathetic to her plight as an unemployed nurse. This has amounted to \$112 in cash, she said. She has also received \$863 from an insurance policy taken on Oswald's life when he was 6 years old.

Mrs. Shirley B. Williamson of Fort Worth, who has been coordinating the collection of money for Oswald's widow, Marina, and her two children, said about \$6,200 had been received.

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